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ON OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND WORKING CONDITIONS ON BOARD MARITIME
MOBILE OFFSHORE UNITS AND SUPPLY VESSELS

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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF RESOLUTION TWENTY ON OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY
AND WORKING CONDITIONS ON BOARD MARITIME MOBILE OFFSHORE
UNITS AND SUPPLY VESSELS, SPONSORED BY MR. SLATER OF THE UK.

BEGIN TEXT: THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR
ORGANIZATION, NOTING THAT THERE ARE AT PRESENT A NUMBER OF
PROBLEMS BESETTING THE OFFSHORE INDUSTRY AS REGARDS THE
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND WORKING CONDITIONS OF THE PERSONNEL
CONCERNED, IN PARTICULAR WITH REGARD TO REMUNERATION, WORKING
HOURS, SAFETY AND HEALTH PROVISIONS, ACCOMMODATION, SOCIAL
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SECURITY AND SECURITY OF EMPLOYMENT,

NOTING ALSO THAT THE ACCIDENT RATE AMONG THE PERSONNEL CONCERNED IS ALARMINGLY HIGH, ESPECIALLY IN CONNECTION WITH DIVING OPERATIONS,

NOTING FURTHER THAT NORMAL TRADE UNION RIGHTS ARE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO SECURE WITHIN THE INDUSTRY CONCERNED IN SPITE OF THE EXISTENCE OF ILO CONVENTIONS NOS 87 (FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION AND PROTECTION OF THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE) AND 98 (RIGHT TO ORGANIZE AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING) AND A VARIETY OF MARITIME ILO INSTRUMENTS DEALING WITH ALLIED SUBJECTS,

CONSIDERING THAT THE PERSONNEL CONCERNED SHOULD ENJOY AT LEAST THE SAME PROTECTION AS REGARDS TRADE UNION RIGHTS AND CONDITIONS OF WORK AS OTHER SEAFARERS,

REQUESTS THE GOVERNING BODY TO HAVE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY UNDERTAKEN IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH WHETHER AND TO WHAT EXTENT PERSONNEL EMPLOYED ON BOARD MARITIME MOBILE OFFSHORE UNITS ARE ORGANIZED AND ARE ENJOYING TRADE UNION RIGHTS AND ARE COVERED BY PROPER COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS, WHETHER THE PERSONNEL CONCERNED ARE ALSO COVERED BY ADEQUATE SAFETY, HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY PROVISIONS AND WHETHER SPECIAL TRAINING IS PROVIDED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE PARTICULAR TYPES OF OPERATIONS ENCOUNTERED ABOARD MARITIME MOBILE OFFSHORE UNITS, AND TO SUBMIT THE RESULT OF SUCH A STUDY TO AN EARLY SESSION OF THE JOINT MARITIME COMMISSION WITH A VIEW TO DETERMINING WHAT ACTION MAY BE NECESSARY IN THE LIGHT OF THIS INFORMATION. END TEXT. CATTO

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